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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8341

INFO AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE: OPIC CONSULTANTS
PARTICIPATION

REFERENCES: A. ABIDJAN; B. OUAGADOUGOU 876; C. STATE 090671
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1. MESSRS. LADD AND MCCLELLAND ARE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING
OPIC/PRIVATE INDUSTRY SPONSORED STUDY ON MARKET POTENTIAL
AND MANPOWER SITUATION IN A NUMBER OF WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES.
ACCORDING TO THEIR REVISED SCHEDULE (REFTEL A), THEY PLAN
TO BE IN OUAGADOUGOU FROM JUNE 8 TO JUNE 12; I.E., DURING
PERIOD OF CONFERENCE. SINCE E/C OFFICER AMEMBASSY
OUAGADOUGOU, MARK JOHNSON, WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE AND
AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU BELIEVES (REFTEL B) VISIT BY
MESSRS. LADD AND MCCLELLAND TO OUAGADOUGOU NOT LIKELY
TO BE FRUITFUL, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT CONSULTANTS MEET
WITH JOHNSON IN ABIDJAN DURING CONFERENCE.

2. EMBASSY AND OPIC CONSULTANTS AGREE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THEM
TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS IN ORDER TO GAIN FIRST-HAND
KNOWLEDGE FROM FIELD COMMERCIAL OFFICERS AND WASHINGTON ATTENDEES
REGARDING POTENTIAL AMERICAN EXPORTS AND INVESTMENTS IN WEST
AFRICA. INFORMATION WOULD CONSIDERABLY ASSIST IN PREPARATION
OF STUDY. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION ASAP
TO EXTEND PROPOSED INVITATION TO MESSRS. LADD AND MCCLELLAND.
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3. FOR OUAGADOUGOU: IF STATE/COMMERCE APPROVAL OBTAINED,
REQUEST JOHNSON BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS INFORMATION REQUESTED
IN REFTEL D.
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NOTE BY OC/T: REFTEL (A) AS RECEIVED.

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